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Accessory Reserve Capacity (ARC) Calculation cont'd

To approximate the amount of accessory equipment or modification weight that can be added to a Ford light truck without exceeding the test vehicle weight, calculate an estimated Total Accessory Reserve Capacity as follows:

1. Determine the "Total Actual Regular Production Option Content Weight" of the desired regular production options from the corresponding Accessory Reserve Capacity Calculation/Worksheet on the following page.
2. Subtract the "Total Actual Regular Production Option Content Weight" from the "Maximum Allowable Weight (Regular Production Options & Aftermarket Equipment)" for the appropriate model. The difference is the estimated "Total Accessory Reserve Capacity."

Maximum Allowable Weight (Regular Production Options & Aftermarket Equipment)

– Total Actual Regular Production Option Content Weight

= Total Accessory Reserve Capacity

(See next page for example.)

Warning: The Accessory Reserve Capacity weight information addresses FMVSS and CMVSS Nos. 204, 208, 212, 219, 301 and 303 compliance only. For all light-duty trucks with a GVW rating under 8500 lbs., federally certified trucks with a GVW rating of 8500 to 10,000 lbs. that are optionally emission certified to light-duty standards and all California complete vehicles with a GVW rating of 14,000 lbs. or less, if more than 500 lbs. is added to the vehicle's "maximum vehicle weight,"⁽¹⁾ the modifier may be responsible for recertification to the applicable EPA or CARB emissions standards.

(1) **Important:** "Maximum vehicle weight" is calculated in accordance with the definition provided in an EPA guidance letter dated July 13, 1979, from C.N. Freed of the EPA to M.H. McBride, legal counsel of the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. The preceding conditions are based on that letter and on EPA Advisory Circular No. 64 — a March 7, 1977, publication that provides guidance on the need for separate certification of vehicles modified after original manufacture, but prior to sale and delivery to the ultimate purchaser. Additional guidance or questions concerning EPA's policies with respect to alterers of completed vehicles should be directed to legal counsel or the Environmental Protection Agency.